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Latest snow forecast

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The wait is almost over! This morning we already saw a few centimetres of new snow across some northern parts of the Alps. The next storm, due to arrive tomorrow (Saturday), will deliver heavier snow to the western Alps in particular.

The weather in the Alps will then remain very unsettled all of next week with further snow at times, always heaviest in the west and falling to relatively low altitudes, at least to begin with. Later in the week, the rain/snow limit may start to creep up but further significant snow is still likely at altitude.

Between now and Wednesday we can expect over 1m of new snow above 1800m in parts of the northern French Alps, locally there may be 1.5m. The western Swiss Alps will also do well, with between 70cm and 100cm falling quite widely at altitude. The further south and east you go the smaller these snow totals will become, but the Austrian Arlberg region could also do quite well. The least snow will be in the central and eastern Austrian Alps, as well as the eastern Italian Alps (Dolomites).

We'll have more detail on how much snow there will be from the upcoming storms in tomorrow's [Today in the Alps...](#)

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Saturday may start bright, especially in the east, but cloud will thicken from the west with a little snow (1000-1200m) in the Vorarlberg and west Tirol later.

Sunday will start mostly cloudy with a little snow (600-1000m) in places, but it should brighten up from the west as the day progresses.

Monday will see further snow (600-1000m) spread into the western Austrian Alps, while it remains mostly dry with variable cloud further east.



Sunny today in Ischgl, but light snow is possible on Saturday evening - Photo: ischgl.com

France

Saturday will be mostly cloudy with periods of snow, first above 1500-1700m, but dropping to 1000-1300m later.

Sunday will be mostly dry with sunny spells, but cloud will thicken from the west again later with further snow overnight.

Monday will see further snow showers (900-1200m) in most regions.

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Precious little snow in Isola 2000, but some relief is on its way over the next few days - Photo: isola2000.com

Italy

Saturday will see variable cloud with occasional snow in the western Italian Alps (1000-1300m), spreading erratically eastwards (where the snow line will be lower) later.

Sunday may see a few flurries (800m) early on in the eastern Italian Alps, otherwise most places will be dry with sunny spells. Cloud will thicken up again in the west later, with occasional snow showers (800-1000m) overnight.

Monday will be mostly cloudy with occasional light snow showers (800m).



Fine today in the Monte Rosa region, but a little snow is expected on Saturday. This is Champoluc - Photo: regione.vda.it

Switzerland

Saturday will start dry in the eastern Swiss Alps, but there will be snow in the west (1500m, dropping later), which will move further east later in the day.

On **Sunday**, early snow showers (1000m) should move out of eastern Switzerland, then most places will be dry with sunny spells. However, cloud will thicken up again in the west later with snow returning overnight (1000-1200m).

Monday will be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of snow (800-1200m).



Snow is desperately needed in the Swiss Engadin. This is St Moritz - Photo: mobotix.ch

Outlook:

It will remain very unsettled all of next week with further snow at times, heaviest in the west. The rain/snow limit should remain relatively low to start with, but could start to rise a little towards the end of the week.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 5 January 2016, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates